REMARKS

Further and favorable consideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Initially, the undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Cross for the courtesy telephone interview granted on July 1, 2004, wherein the proposed amendment to Claim 1 was discussed. To the extent that this amendment obviates the application of the primary reference to Charlton, and subject to the successful performance of an update search, applicants understand that the subject application will not be considered allowable.

Applicants accordingly request further and favorable consideration of the present application. Should further issues remain for resolution, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number listed below to discuss the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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